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CITY BLOCKING SAFETY PLAN, KREML HINTS

System Useless Without Right Equipment, He Contends.

THREE KILLED IN STATE

Ice Slows Drivers' Speeds And Prevents High Death Toll.

(Editorial, Page 10)

Lieut. Franklin M. Kreml, nationally known safety expert, today said it was "useless" to install his accident prevention system here until City officials show a "willingness" to supply necessary equipment.

Lieut. Kreml early last summer was invited to aid in Indianapolis' safety campaign following a conference of Safety Board members, Municipal Court judges, City and County prosecutors and police officials.

Chief Morrissey, who invited Lieut. Kreml to aid in the work here, included funds for the proposed bureau in his 1938 budget request, but they were knocked out by the City Council. This request included money for nine new cars and equipment, including cameras, and an increase in personnel.

Meanwhile, icy streets and highways which made motorists drive carefully held down Indiana's week-end highway death toll. Only three persons were killed despite numerous minor accidents.

In Indianapolis, two persons were injured in three accidents. Only six motorists were arrested on speeding charges, as compared with 28 the previous week-end. Of 51 arrests over the week-end, 42 were fined \$216 by Municipal Judge Charles Karabell today. Three speeders paid \$42. One woman died of injuries received early in the week, boosting the County's 1937 toll to 131, the City's to 87.

As a part of Governor Townsend's campaign to reduce the State's heavy highway death toll, Curtis Keegan, National Safety Council expert, conferred with State Safety Director Donald Stiver on a model plan for reporting accidents. Other Council experts also are aiding in the co-ordinating plan.

Members of 60 civic organizations met today to form the Civic Safety League of Indianapolis, an organization designed to act as a clearing house for traffic safety suggestions. State, county and city officials and heads of several large business firms, doing extensive trucking, were represented at the meeting.

Service Without Charge

In a letter to The Times, Lieut. Kreml said: "I had hoped that we might have some definite information as to when we might undertake the work proposed for Indianapolis. Unfortunately, there is not such development and the situation, therefore, is this:

"As you know, our services to the city would be without charge. However, some considerable equipment is necessary before an accident prevention bureau can be installed properly. Though I appeared at one meeting with the City officials, and our Capt. Ashworth appeared twice, the money necessary for this equipment, apparently are not forthcoming.

"Chief Morrissey has been most anxious for us to do this work and has, I am sure, made every effort to make it possible for us to proceed. The situation, up to date, then, is that we have been invited to do this work in Indianapolis and have accepted pending evidence of the willingness of the City to supply the necessary equipment.

Until this latter condition is met, we feel it would be useless to endeavor to proceed. We are, therefore, waiting such further action as the City authorities may see fit to take.

Lions Call Meeting

Walter L. Shirley, Lions International district governor, called the meeting of civic organizations in the Hotel Washington this afternoon. He said committees are to be appointed to nominate officers, draft resolutions, study traffic ordinances, manage finances and develop an educational program.

"We are attempting to form a representative organization where each group will have a voice in the safety program," Mr. Shirley said. "Public organizations and civic groups have been doing fine work in promoting safety, but too often

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Killefer Quits



Wade Killefer.

BECOMES PILOT OF COAST TEAM

Tribe Chief Takes New Job To Be Near Home; Perry Silent on Successor.

By EDDIE ASH

After serving five years as manager of the Indianapolis Baseball Club, Wade Killefer resigned today to become general manager and pilot of the new Hollywood Club of the Pacific Coast League.

The announcement was made by President Norman A. Perry of the Indians, who said a new Tribe manager has been named from "outside the club ranks."

"I have selected Mr. Killefer's successor," President Perry added, "but I want a little more time for conferences before clearing the decks for the new administration. I regret more than I can say that Wade Killefer will not be with the Indians next season. I consider him one of the most capable managers in baseball and were it not for the fact his new connection gives him the opportunity to be at home with his family, I would make every effort possible to retain him as our manager."

"I am sure that he will make a great leader in the Pacific Coast League and wish him all the luck in the world."

Regrets to Leave

Mr. Killefer also expressed deep regret over leaving the Indians and emphasized that conditions here were entirely satisfactory and pleasant.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "I hesitated a long time after receiving the Hollywood offer before I worked up enough courage to inform Mr. Perry of my new opportunity."

"Even then it was difficult to sever relations with the Indianapolis club. Several conferences were held and finally a mutual agreement was reached. I shall turn over plans for new Indianapolis player deals to the new manager and help him in every way I can."

The setup at Hollywood was too flattering to turn down. I live at Hermosa Beach, only 15 minutes drive to Gilmore Stadium, the ball park and as Hollywood is a part of Los Angeles, home of the Coast League Angels, this will permit me to be at home with my family much of the time."

Killefer took over the Indians' reins at the close of the 1932 season when he succeeded Emmet McCann. Under the departing chief the Tribe finished third in 1933, fifth in '34, second in '35, fourth in '36 and sixth last season.

The new Hollywood Club is the former Missions of San Francisco, owned by Herbert Fleischacker.

Edward's Suit for Libel Is Settled Out of Court

LONDON, Nov. 22 (U. P.).—The Duke of Windsor's libel suit against the author and publishers of the book, "Coronation Commentary," has been settled out of court, the Lord Chief Justice of the Kings Bench Court announced today.

The Lord Chief Justice denounced the author, Geoffrey Dennis, for writing a "foul, cruel libel" which "appeared almost to invite a thoroughly efficacious horsewhipping."

The Duke, through his solicitor, A. G. Allen, had filed the suit against William Heinemann, Ltd., publishers, and Dennis on April 27. It was annulled with Dennis' statement that accused him of "muddling, fuddling and meddling" while on the throne.

The publishing house had sent a letter of apology to the Duke, then at St. Wolfgang, Austria, the day before.

Today the Lord Chief Justice consented to withdrawal of the record after a full and complete

AUTO WORKERS END STRIKE AT FISHER PLANT

500 Agree to Return After Union Leader Makes Personal Appeal.

SETTLE AKRON TROUBLE

3000 Go Back to Jobs at Goodyear Units After Vote Meeting.

PONTIAC, Mich., Nov. 22 (U. P.).—Five hundred sit-down strikers in the closed plant of the Fisher Body Corp. terminated their six-day strike today after Homer Martin, president of the United Automobile Workers' Union, had pleaded with them for more than an hour to return to work.

A personal appeal by the youthful union head climaxed 24 hours of concentrated effort by high union officials to break the strike. Mr. Martin went to the closed plant this morning after previous threats and promises had brought no response from the sit-down strikers.

As Mr. Martin left the plant, following a conference with strike leaders that lasted an hour and 20 minutes, he was followed by the first of the strikers.

"It's all over, boys," he told newspapermen waiting at the gates. He started to tell reporters that the plant would be evacuated immediately, but his words were lost in the rush of the self-imprisoned strikers for the gates.

"We hope that this will mean the men can return to work tomorrow," Mr. Martin said. "General Motors Corp. will be notified immediately."

Almost at the moment that the strikers, some of them bearded and unkempt, moved out of the closed plant, Mr. Martin revealed his intention to attempt immediate negotiations over the grievances which precipitated the strike—the alleged layoff of almost 100 Fisher workers and later the announced determination of the corporation to punish the four known "perpetrators" of the sit-down.

A full day of vigorous attempts to "break" the strike, which included conferences between Mr. Martin and 21 of his 24-member general executive board, had failed when the expected union leader was summoned to the plant this morning by telephone.

General Motors officials, who had remained silent during the union's struggles with its rank and file membership in Pontiac, received the strike settlement news without comment. They indicated that a statement might be issued later.

Akron Workers Back On Jobs Today

AKRON, O., Nov. 22 (U. P.).—The first of 12,000 workers returned to work today at two huge plants of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. today after members of the United Rubber Workers voted in mass meeting to accept a tentative settlement offered by the National Labor Relations Board ending a sit-down strike which began at midnight Thursday. The regular 6 a. m. shift, numbering 3000, entered the plants without incident, Goodyear officials said.

Union officials announced that they would file charges today with the Labor Board against Governor Davey, who had mobilized 3000 National Guardsmen to give protection to all Goodyear workers who wished to return to work despite the strike.

C. I. O. Makes Peace Gesture in Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 22 (U. P.).—Rival unions today made their first peaceful gesture in the city's prolonged labor war that has crippled several industries, left 10,000 workers idle and impoverished and caused the City Council to invoke emergency police measures to stop violence.

Millworkers affiliated with the Committee for Industrial Organization withdrew their proposed boycott on 400,000 feet of lumber produced by an American Federation of Labor union. Strife between C. I. O. and A. F. of L. workers in the lumber industry precipitated the trouble 100 days ago.

South Colder Than Canadian Border Area

CHICAGO, Nov. 22 (U. P.).—It was colder on the Florida-Georgia boundary today than it was within 40 miles of the Canadian line.

Blowing "a great mass of polar continental air which moved south-east from Alaska and the Mackenzie River basin" for the South's unusually low temperatures, Chicago Forecaster J. R. Lloyd announced today that the record low would be 5 to 10 below zero.

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U. S. STEEL LEADS STOCK PRICE PLUNGE

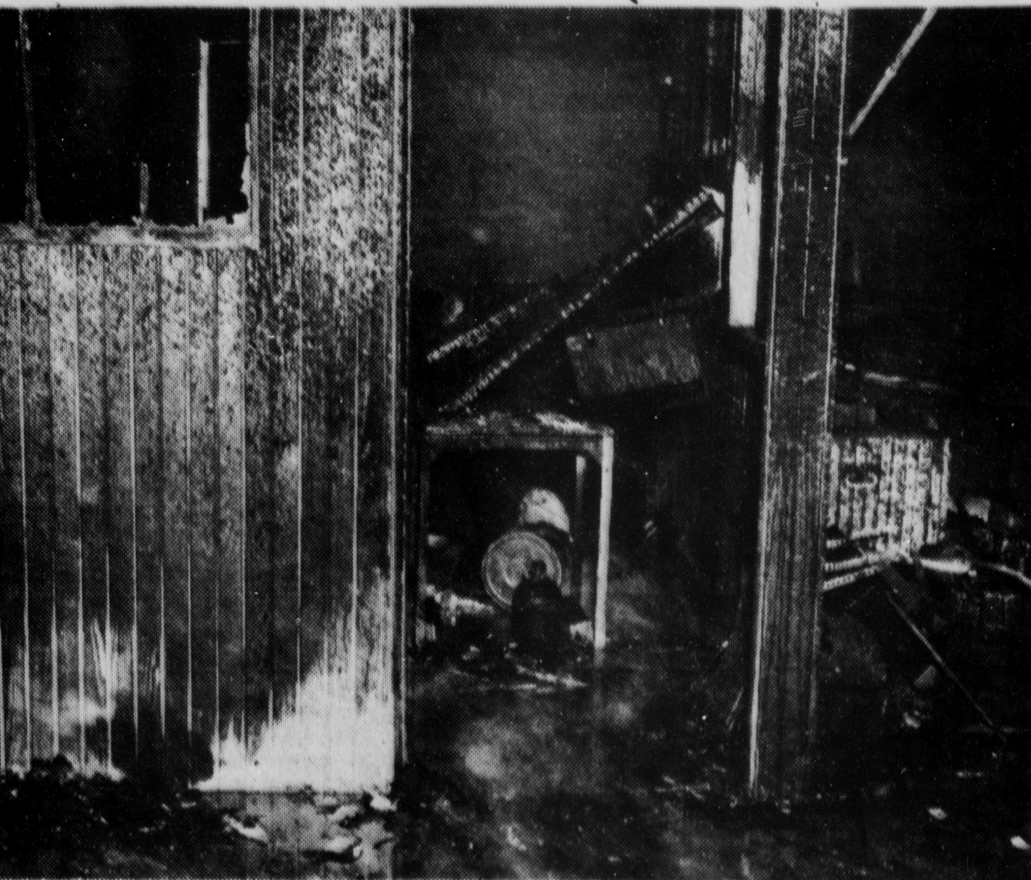
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NEW YORK, Nov. 22 (U. P.).—Steel mills are scheduled to operate at 31 per cent of capacity this week, the lowest level since Dec. 3, 1934, and the 10th consecutive week in which a decline has been recorded.

Fire Follows Blast at Ice Cream Plant



An explosion and fire at the Ballard Ice Cream Co., 315 Ogden St., today caused damage estimated at "several thousand dollars." Lawrence Martin (right) was in the paint room alone when the blast occurred, but saved himself from serious injury by smothering the fire that was burning his trouser legs.

Sale of 1938 Auto Licenses Opens Dec. 10

Sale of auto license plates, drivers' licenses and truck weight tax tags will start Dec. 10 in the State House and 155 branches throughout the State, Frank Finney, Motor Vehicle Commissioner, announced today.

He estimated that 80 per cent of the estimated 1,035,000 auto tags will be issued in the first two months of sales.

Branch managers and employees have been instructed in the new drivers' license and truck weight tax laws in 14 meetings held throughout the State. A meeting of managers and employees of 17 temporary branches to be established here for two months will be held Nov. 30, Mr. Finney said.

MERCURY REMAINS BELOW FREEZING

Rise Due Here Tomorrow, Bureau Predicts.

TEMPERATURES
6 a. m. ... 16 10 a. m. ... 26
7 a. m. ... 15 11 a. m. ... 28
8 a. m. ... 16 12 (Noon) ... 28
9 a. m. ... 21 1 p. m. ... 29

A warm sun and clear sky today drove some of the snappiness from Indianapolis weather, but had not raised temperatures above freezing this afternoon.

The temperature descended to 15 at 7 a. m. today, which was about 20 degrees below normal for Nov. 22 but nowhere near the record low which was established Nov. 22, 1880 at 5 below zero.

The year's low mark was set early yesterday at 13. The Bureau promised continued cold tonight and slightly warmer weather tomorrow afternoon. The present "cool spell" is not a cold wave, technically or otherwise, the Bureau said.

However, ice and snow still clinging to many city streets and to some highways, and Indianapolis and State Police renewed warnings to motorists to drive with care where payments are slippery.

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THREE HURT IN BALLARD BLAZE

Workman Rescued After He Leads Others Into Fight On Flames.

Three persons were burned, two slightly, in an explosion and fire of undetermined origin today in the paint room when the explosion occurred, Robert Pochler, 19, of 2134 Linden St., an electrician, was taken to Methodist Hospital, where his condition was described as "not critical."

Lawrence Martin, 22, of 552 S. Vine St., who was alone in the paint room when the explosion occurred, ran from the room with his trousers legs afire and smothered the fire out with a blanket he found in another room. He was burned slightly. He said he believed that a fluid used to reduce the consistency of paint exploded.

William Wheeler, 63, of R. R. 12, Box 68, carpenter, who was in another room on the second floor when the explosion occurred, said he seized a fire extinguisher and ran into the paint room. He said that when he sprayed the fire it "seemed to lift into the air and come down on me." His hair was singed.

Workmen said that Mr. Pochler was in the building when the fire broke out and that he ran out of it to get other workmen to help him fight the blaze. They said he led the workmen back into the building and started into the burning room.

Others retreated before the heat of the blaze, they said, but he pushed on and a door slammed, trapping him in the burning part of the building. He realized he was trapped, and went to the third floor, opened a window, and was taken out by firemen, they said.

Company officials said property loss would be "several thousand dollars."

Fire starting from a defective fuse today caused \$300 damage to the meat market owned by Carl Johnson, at 628 S. West St.

PETERSBURG, Nov. 22 (U. P.).—Mrs. Shirida Gray, 78, was burned to death in her home last night when her dress caught fire as she stood close to an open grate. Her screams aroused her husband, Lyle Gray, sleeping in an adjoining room and he attempted to smother her burning dress with a blanket. Mrs. Gray, however, died a short time later from her injuries.

ELWOOD, Nov. 22 (U. P.).—Mrs. Jonathan Finerty, 69, was burned to death yesterday when her night gown caught fire while she put coal in a heating stove in her home. The husband and eight children survive.

GARNER IS 69 TODAY

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (U. P.).—Vice President John Nance Garner celebrated his 69th birthday today.

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SENATE'S FARM BILL REPORTED; ACTION SPEEDIED

Deliberations to Start Tomorrow on Plan to Control Wheat, Corn, Cotton, Rice and Tobacco; Penalties Set Up.

EXPECT HOUSE DRAFT WEDNESDAY

Congress Leaders Promise Roosevelt to Push His Special Session Aims; Limit on Agriculture Financing Ignored.

(Editorial, Gen. Johnson and Merry-Go-Round, Page 10)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22 (U. P.).—The Administration's far-reaching Farm Bill, providing for stabilization of farm income and checks against crop scarcities, was reported favorably to the Senate today by the Agriculture Committee.

The report, unanimously agreed upon by the Committee after a week-end session, will permit the Senate to begin deliberations tomorrow. Majority Leader Barkley (D. Ky.) said that he hoped to obtain final action on the bill by the week-end.

He estimated that the farm program will cost a little less than the \$500,000,000 in soil conservation funds and approximately \$125,000,000 from customs receipts, already available.

Other estimates, including those of the Agricultural Department, have placed the cost as high as \$700,000,000.

Senate and House leaders also reported to President Roosevelt today that they would hasten his legislative program "as much as possible" in the special session of Congress.

The leaders included Vice President Garner, Senate Majority Leader Barkley (D. Ky.), House Speaker William B. Bankhead (D. Ala.) and House Majority Leader Sam Rayburn (D. Tex.).

House Majority Leader Rayburn said after a conference with Chairman Marvin Jones (D. Tex.) of the House Agriculture Committee that the House should be able to begin debate on its new farm bill Wednesday or Friday.

Mr. Rayburn told of conferring with Mr. Jones and added: "He thinks he might get the bill in tonight, certainly tomorrow."

No. 1 Objective

The Program—No. 1 objective of President Roosevelt's legislative program for the special session—will provide for control of wheat, field corn, cotton, tobacco and rice, and will provide for a three-year period beginning in 1938. Its major provisions include:

Wheat and Corn—Voluntary acreage control contracts with marketing quotas made mandatory by a two-thirds vote of production of the commodities. Parity payments to stabilize farm income and surplus loans. The penalty for marketing in excess of quotas is 50 per cent of the parity price.

Cotton—Referendum to determine if participants in a program called for acreage control. A two-thirds vote of farmers in the commodity make the acreage control compulsory. Parity payments and a penalty of 75 per cent of the price obtained for cotton grown on acreage in excess of quota.

Tobacco—Marketing quotas with benefits provided through soil conservation payments to three miles beyond Allisonville, is to be included in a State Highway Commission million-dollar highway improvement program. Bonds are to be opened Dec. 14, Earl Crawford, Commission chairman, announced today.

Co-operating with the U. S. Bureau of Roads, the Commission will use various methods in compiling data on reinforced concrete pavement, he said. The stretch of Marion and Hamilton County road to be improved is classified as "worn pavement."

This \$1,314,146.16 paving and resurfacing program in 10 counties will be the second letting to be held in December. Bids are to be opened Dec. 7 on grade separations and bridges with an estimated cost of \$450,000.

Financing—Committee made a "blanket" authorization for finances. The Secretary of Agriculture will determine the cost, estimated at approximately \$700,000,000, and his recommendations subsequently will be considered by the Budget Bureau and Congress.

The Committee wrote the "blanket" authorization into the bill despite warnings from President Roosevelt that funds required in addition to the \$500,000,000 available under the soil conservation program must be obtained from new sources.

8 MILES OF ROAD 13 WILL BE IMPROVED

Approximately eight miles of State Road 13, from northeast to southwest, to three miles beyond Allisonville, is to be included in a State Highway Commission million-dollar highway improvement program. Bonds are to be opened Dec. 14, Earl Crawford, Commission chairman, announced today.

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China Asks Sanctions Against Japan as Foreigners Prepare to Evacuate Nanking

SHANGHAI—U. S. Ambassador to lead envoys' evacuation of Nanking; last defense of city reported cracking.

BRUSSELS—China makes final appeal for aid from powers at peace conference.

LONDON—Lord Halifax due back from Berlin with report to Prime Minister Chamberlain on outcome of peace talks with Hitler; Cabinet to hear details.

Nanking made hasty preparations to evacuate the capital today on the strength of reports that Chinese defenses to the south were cracking and that Japanese air raids were impending.

U. S. Ambassador Nelson T. Johnson already was aboard the gunboat Lamson, which will steam up the Yangtze River tomorrow for Hankow, leading the general evacuation of foreign embassies.

For more than an hour today six Japanese planes power-dived, bombed and machine-gunned troops moving southeast from the city toward the Wush-Kiangyin defense line. Unconfirmed reports said that Wush, pivotal point of the Nanking defenses, had fallen. This would remove the last big obstacle in the way of the capture of Nanking.

The Japanese bombing squadron drew no reply from the Chinese forces. The city was strangely quiet because all anti-aircraft was removed to Hankow. Remaining residents were apprehensive, bombed and machine-gunned troops